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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.**

2 Section 15 of the Fastener Quality Act (15 U.S.C.
3 5414) is amended—

4 (1) by inserting “(a) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—”
5 before “The requirements of this Act”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(b) AIRCRAFT EXEMPTION.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this
10 Act shall not apply to fasteners specifically manufac-
11 tured or altered for use on an aircraft if the quality
12 and suitability of those fasteners for that use has
13 been approved by the Federal Aviation Administra-
14 tion, except as provided in paragraph (2).

15 “(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not
16 apply to fasteners represented by the fastener manu-
17 facturer as having been manufactured in conform-
18 ance with standards or specifications established by
19 a consensus standards organization or a Federal
20 agency other than the Federal Aviation Administra-
21 tion.”.

22 **SEC. 2. DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS.**

23 The regulations issued under the Fastener Quality
24 Act by the National Institute of Standards and Tech-
25 nology on April 14, 1998, and any other regulations issued
26 by the National Institute of Standards and Technology

1 pursuant to the Fastener Quality Act, shall not take effect
2 until after the later of June 1, 1999, or the expiration
3 of 120 days after the Secretary of Commerce transmits
4 to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Com-
5 merce of the House of Representatives, and to the Com-
6 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
7 Senate, a report on—

8 (1) changes in fastener manufacturing proc-
9 esses that have occurred since the enactment of the
10 Fastener Quality Act; and

11 (2) any changes in that Act that may be war-
12 ranted because of the changes reported under para-
13 graph (1).

14 The report required by this section shall be transmitted
15 to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Com-
16 merce of the House of Representatives, and to the Com-
17 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the
18 Senate, by February 1, 1999.

Passed the House of Representatives June 16, 1998.

Attest:

Clerk.